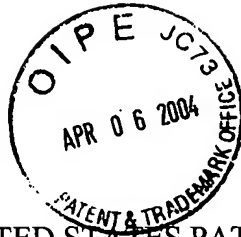


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
SATOSHI NISHIKAWA ET AL.)	Examiner: N. Y. A.
Application No.: 10/735,839)	Group Art Unit: N.Y.A.
Filed: December 16, 2003)	
For: BILLING CONTROL IN PRINT SYSTEM)	April 5, 2004

Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. application:

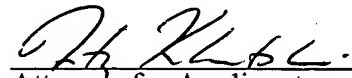
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A copy of the cited application, as originally filed, is enclosed.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner.

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